

# Let's Get Acquainted

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**The Tom Latimer family.**

Tom Latimer was born Sept. 26, 1952, in Murray, Utah, the third of six children born to Russell A. and Mildred Smart Latimer.

Tom's father worked for J. C. Penny Co. for many years in Idaho, Montana and Utah, so the family moved around a lot.

Tom's elementary studies took place in Logan, Utah and Rexburg, Idaho; he attended junior high school in Rexburg and senior high school in Murray, Utah. While in senior high, he played trombone in the marching band and orchestra, and he took part in other activities of the school and community. He graduated in 1971.

After one year at Ricks College, Tom was called to fill a

mission in the New York Spanish mission; he completed this calling and came home in 1974. He returned to Ricks College and completed his course in business management, and graduated from Ricks in 1975.

While studying at Ricks, Tom met Diane Wardrop. Tom was in his senior year, and they were married in the L.D.S. Temple in June of 1975. They made their home in University Village and Tom attended the University of Utah for two years where he furthered his studies in business. Before finishing his two years at the U of U, Tom and Diane bought a home in Granger. Tom held a full time job while attending classes; he worked at Electronics Specialty Products in Salt Lake City.

Diane Wardrop was born in Glendale, Utah, on March 31, 1955. Her parents are Bob and Betty McCloud Wardrop. She was third of four children. Her father is a retired electronics foreman of Granite School District. Diane plays the piano and does a fine job of decorating. She graduated from South High School in 1973.

Tom said that Diane is a devoted mother of their three daughters. Kara was born June 25, 1977, Andrea was born Dec. 5, 1978, both were born in Salt Lake City; and Rachael was born Sept. 3, 1982 in American Fork, Utah.

In 1977, Tom and his father opened a Coast to Coast store in American Fork and Tom worked there until they opened this store in Heber City on Nov. 20, 1984, phone 654-3661. The store is located at 151 North Main, in the northern section of the old Anderson store. Tom Latimer is also a small engine mechanic and has been for several years.

Tom and Diane are anxious to sell their home in Pleasant Grove and to move to Heber Valley.

Tom has belonged to the American Fork Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in American Fork. Presently, he is financial clerk of Pleasant Grove's 10th Ward, and his wife, Diane, is the 10th Ward primary pianist.

Tom said he is happy and grateful for the way he and his business has been received by the people of Heber Valley, and he will be happier still when they are able to make their home here.



